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Title: Requests the Central Government to take up the matter with the Government of Oman to remove the restriction to produce a medical certificate to go to Oman to seek employment.

SHRI A.C. JOS Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise a very serious issue of national importance. Hundreds of people are going to Oman, especially from Kerala, for employment and they are getting employment there. But recently the Government of Oman has imposed a restriction - production of a medical certificate for the application of visa as well as for going there. This restriction is imposed only on Indians, Sri Lankans and Pakistanis. This is a restriction only on Asians, whereas the Europeans can go there without producing any medical certificate, with the result, that comes as a great restriction for the movement of the people to that place. It will create a lot of difficulties to the people who are going there to seek employment. So, this is a question of human rights. The Europeans can go there without any problem, whereas the Asians have to produce a medical certificate. This discrimination has to be tackled internationally.

Sir, I would request the Ministry of Labour as well as the Ministry of External Affairs to take up this matter with the Government of Oman and remove this restriction so that the people can go to Oman freely, to seek employment. I would also request the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to convey this matter to the concerned Ministers.

Sir, this is a very serious matter. Hundreds of people are going to Oman for seeking employment. They are coming out, but they cannot join their family when they go back. The hon. Labour Minister is present here. He has to take it seriously and I would request him to react to this matter.